

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 673

By Ramsey

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Dale Burns upon being named King College's Athletic Director and commend him for his service to the youth of the State of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as educational leaders and coaches of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Dale Burns, who was recently named Athletic Director at King College; and

WHEREAS, as Athletic Director for King College, Mr. Burns will be responsible for oversight of the King College athletic program, student-athlete recruitment, and fundraising; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of King College, Dale Burns was co-captain of King College's Conference Championship Basketball Team in 1969; he received his master's degree in education from Union College in 1973; and

WHEREAS, before accepting the position as King College's new Athletic Director, Mr. Burns served as a teacher and basketball coach at Tennessee High School; and

WHEREAS, coaching basketball for twenty-six years at Tennessee High, Dale Burns achieved numerous region titles, advanced to the State Tournament, and won over 500 games; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Dale Burns was named Coach for the State East/West All-Star Team, and he was honored as an Outstanding Educator by the Tennessee Governor's School Program; he was also the first Career Ladder Level III Teacher at Tennessee High; and

WHEREAS, a former Coach of the Year, Mr. Burns has been recognized by the TSSAA for his basketball teams' academic excellence; and

WHEREAS, in addition to teaching and coaching, Dale Burns has served as the athletic department program assistant for five years, during which time all Tennessee High athletic programs flourished; and

WHEREAS, Dale Burns has also directed the Arby's Classic Boys' High School Invitational Basketball Tournament for twenty-three years, and he has also served as Site Director of the National AAU Basketball Tournament; and

WHEREAS, in total, Mr. Burns has spent thirty-six years serving the youth of this great State as an economics and business teacher, a coach, and an administrator; and

WHEREAS, a committed community servant, Dale Burns volunteers his time and many talents with the Aries Program for at-risk children, the Bristol Tennessee School System Policy committee, and the Tennessee School Insurance committee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Burns epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, this legislative body should pause and specially recognize this exceptional citizen for his life of dedication and public service; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Dale Burns for his meritorious service to the youth of the State of Tennessee, congratulate him upon being named the new Athletic Director of King College, and wish him every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.